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Subject: Rise in FOIA Request Processing
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Dear Mr. Ratliff:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request.

The FOIA does not require federal agencies to answer inquiries, create records, conduct research, or draw conclusions concerning queried data. Rather the FOIA requires agencies to provide access to reasonably described, nonexempt records. The questions posed in the referenced letter are not FOIA requests because they do not comply with the FOIA and its regulations. Therefore, your request is being administratively closed.

For questions on how to reasonably describe your request, please email us at foipaquestions@fbi.gov. You may also visit www.fbi.gov and select "Services," "Information Management," and "Freedom of Information/Privacy Act" for additional guidance.

You may file an appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Sixth Floor, 441 G Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA online portal by creating an account on the following website: <https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hardy", is placed below the word "Sincerely,".

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